

**Minutes**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**November 19, 2024**



Minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board public meeting held on November 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jury/Training Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Tempe Municipal Court, 140 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe Arizona 85281.

**Board Members Present:**

James Sampanes  
Judge Kevin Kane, Ex-officio Member  
Judge Amy Kalman  
Judy Aldrich, Chair  
Martha Ashburn, Vice-Chair  
Scott Blum

**Public Present:**

Aleksey Chernobelskiy\*  
Amy Haley\*  
Anonymous attendees (x3)\*  
David Allen\*  
Jessica Butcher\*  
Nicholle Harris\*

**City Staff Present:**

Casey Simmons, Court Mgmt. Assistant  
Alisha Major, Court Executive Assistant  
Alexis Allen, Court Administrator  
Jennifer Curtiss, Deputy Court Administrator  
Marcos Romero, Court Sr. Mgmt. Assistant  
Kirsten Alger, Court Supervisor\*  
Christina Villarreal, Court Supervisor\*  
Veronica Reyes-Treviño, Court Supervisor\*  
Julie Murphey, Court Supervisor\*

\*Attended remotely via Microsoft Teams

**Public Meeting**

**1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2024**

**Motion** made by Board Member Kalman to approve the public meeting minutes of September 17, 2024; **second** by Board Member Sampanes. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Blum, Kalman, Sampanes

**Nays:** None

**Non-Voting:** Board Member Kane

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**2. Call to the Public**

Chairperson Aldrich called for public comment.

**9:06 a.m.** – Public comment on candidate Jeremy Rovinsky from Aleksey Chernobelskiy

**3. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)**

**Motion** made by Board Member Kalman to adjourn to Executive Session; **second** by Board Member Sampanes. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Blum, Kalman, Sampanes

**Nays:** None

**Non-Voting:** Board Member Kane

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

### **Executive Session**

The Board entered executive session at **9:11 a.m.** Only Board members were present except for Ms. Casey Simmons who remained to take meeting minutes and Ms. Alexis Allen who remained to answer questions related to the City Judge recruitment. Confidential minutes were taken and kept separate from these public meeting minutes.

Executive Session adjourned and the public meeting was called to order at **10:19 a.m.** by Chairperson Aldrich.

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The Board reviewed and approved notification letters the Court Management Assistant will provide to:

- Candidates who did not meet the minimum qualifications of the recruitment
- Candidates who were not selected to participate in an interview
- Candidates who were selected to participate in an interview but were not moved forward in the process

**Motion** made by Board Member Kalman to adjourn to executive session; **second** by Board Member Blum. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Blum, Kalman, Sampanes

**Nays:** None

**Non-Voting:** Board Member Kane

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

### **Executive Session**

The Board entered executive session at **10:25 a.m.** Only Board members were present except for Ms. Casey Simmons who remained to take meeting minutes and Ms. Alexis Allen who remained to answer questions related to the City Judge recruitment. Confidential minutes were taken and kept separate from these public meeting minutes.

Executive Session adjourned and the public meeting was called to order at **12:04 p.m.** by Chairperson Aldrich.

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#### **4. Announce interviewee names**

Chairperson Aldrich announced the Judicial Advisory Board will reconvene on 11/27/24 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the application review process and then announce a list of interviewees.

**5. Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Board Member Kalman to adjourn the meeting; **second** by Board Member Ashburn. Motion passed on a **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Board Members Aldrich, Ashburn, Blum, Kalman, Sampanes

**Nays:** None

**Non-Voting:** Board Member Kane

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

The public meeting adjourned at **12:05 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by: Casey Simmons

Minutes reviewed by: Judy Aldrich, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Aldrich". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Judy Aldrich

Chair, Judicial Advisory Board

Tempe Municipal Court